

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-7, 9, and 15-20, 22 and 23-30 are pending. Claims 24-30 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 3, 8, 10-14 and 21 have been canceled. By way of the above amendment, claims 1-14, 16, and 24-30 are canceled so that only claims indicated as allowable remain. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The applicants respectfully request that the Title be amended to more accurately reflect the claimed invention. Accordingly, the above amendment revises the title to be "LAMINATE SHEET." The examiner is respectfully requested to approve and enter the amended title.

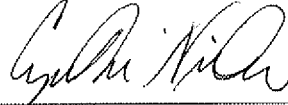
In the Final Office Action, the examiner indicates that claims 15, 17, 22 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 17 was already independent, and therefore is allowable without amendment. Claims 15, 22 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of their respective base claims 2, 7 and 19. There are no intervening claims. The other claims are canceled so that only claims 15, 17, 22 and 23 remain and so that the application can be allowed.

The Final Office Action indicates that various other claims are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) or 103(a), or are withdrawn. By way of the above amendment, these claims are canceled. It is respectfully submitted that the rejections are moot.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,



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